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INFO AMEMBASSY TEHRAN

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DEPT OPNS CENTER PLS PASS FOL MESSAGE ON OCT 31 TO S/NM
MARTIN CHESHES

NEA/PAB SHOW TO AMBASSADOR ELIOT

TEHRAN FOR AMBASSADOR VANCE

E.O. 11652: NA

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1. AS REQUESTED REFTTEL WE WILL SUSPEND PLANNING FOR
AMBASSADOR VANCE'S OVERNIGHT VISIT TO KANDAHAR UNTIL
ALL CALLS ARE FIRM AND WE SEE IF TIME IS SUFFICIENT.
HOWEVER WE URGE THAT VISIT BE MADE IF AT ALL POSSIBLE.
KANDAHAR IS ONE OF MAIN SMUGGLING AND GROWING CENTERS.
AFGHANS HAVE ESTABLISHED NEW SNTI-SMUGGLING UNIT (ASU)
IN KANDHAR AND VANCE VISIT WOULD FOCUS ATTENTION OF
CENTRAL AUTHORITIES AND LOCAL GOVERNOR ON U.S. INTEREST
IN DRUG PROBLEMS.

2. SCHEDULE NOW STANDS:

SUNDAY, NOV 7 - DINNER WITH IWILLIAM HALLMAN, FOR
AMBASSADOR VANCE AND CHESHES PLUS PERSONS WORKING
IN OR WITH INTEREST IN NARCOTICS AFFAIRS.

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MONDAY-TUESDAY, NOV 8-9 - CALLS: PRESENTLY BEING

REQUESTED/SCHEDULED. MR NAIM (WHOSE STATE OF HEALTH IS PRECARIOUS AND MAY NOT BE AVAILABLE), INTERIOR MINISTER ABDUL QADER, DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER WAHEED ABDULLAH, MEMBERS OF UN INCLUDING MAGNUSSEN, AND U.S. MISSION OFFICERS INCLUDING CHARGE AND AID DIRECTOR BROWN.

(UNDP RESREP BORTHWICK HAS BEEN ILL AND WE UNCERTAIN WHETHER HE WILL BE UP IN TIME TO RECEIVE AMBASSADOR VANCE. DEPUTY RESREP ARTHUR HOLCOMBE LEFT FOR CONSUL TATIONS IN NEW YORK OCTOBER 29 AND PROBABLY WILL NOT BE IN KABUL AT TIME VANCE NOV 8/9 VISIT). SOCIAL EVENTS: CHARGE'S LUNCH AT 12:30 PM ON NOV 8; DEA/SAIC HURLEY INVITES AMBASSADOR VANCE AND CHESHES TO SMALL DINNER AT HIS HOME NOV 9.

WEDNESDAY, NOV 10 - OVERLAND DEPARTURE FOR PESHAWAR CAN BE AT ANY CONVENIENT HOUR FOR TRAVELLERS.

3. REGARDING PROPOSED RETURN TO KABUL, SATURDAY, NOV 13 ADVISE WHETHER AMBASSADOR VANCE PREFERS STAY AT HOTEL INTERCON WHERE CODEL WOLFF WILL BE LODGED OR AT RESIDENCE. WE WILL INFO OUR SUGGESTED SCHEDULE FOR CODEL TO TEHRAN FOR VANCE.
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